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Continuation of Application)
Serial No.: 10/216,604) Group Art Unit: Unknown
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For: Viscoelastic Surfactant)
Fluids and Related)
Methods of Use)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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The application to which the Preliminary Amendment refers is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). The parent case is 10/216,604 which is a division of 09/612,669 (now U. S. Patent No. 6,482,866) which is a continuation of 09/093,131 (now U. S. Patent No. 6,258,859) which claimed priority based on Provisional Application Nos. 60/049,045 filed June 10, 1997 and 60/054,455 filed August 5, 1997.

Application No. 10/216,604 was assigned to Group Art Unit 1721 (now 1712) and was examined by Examiner R. Lovering. The parent application presented claims through claim 113.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 11 of this paper.